

ORDINANCE NO. 14714

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 24 - 2009

APRIL 1, 2009

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Article 395, Community and Economic Development Fees, by establishing an application fee of Twenty-five (\$25) Dollars for the Disruptive Conduct Board of Appeals.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That Article 395.07, Building Fees, be amended to include the following fee for the Disruptive Conduce Board of Appeals

14. Appeals. Housing Appeals Board Fees shall be Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars per application. Building Appeals Board fees shall be One Hundred (\$100) Dollars for 1 and 2 Family residential, and Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars for all others. (14558 §1 12/20/07) Disruptive Conduct Board of Appeals shall be Twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars per application.

SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
Michael Donovan	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald		
Julio A. Guridy	X	
David M. Howells, Sr.	X	
Tony Phillips		X
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	5	1

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council and signed by His Honor the Mayor on the 17th day of April, 2009.

M. F. Harlan
CITY CLERK

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

The Bill is originating from the Bureau of Building Standards & Safety. The initiative came from the Disruptive Conduct Board who feels a fee is appropriate in light of the money the City spends for Police presence.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

Create a nominal fee to both stop appeals where the appellant does not show up and to help offset the cost of the Police officers who must attend the appeals hearings.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

1. See Above
2. Benefits are reimburse costs and cut frivolous appeals.
3. Helps the City with costs

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

1. None
2. Creates a fee, as other Appeal Boards have, to help offset City costs under 395.07 - #14.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

N/A

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

No deadlines

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

it will help offset City costs.